

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

I hope you are enjoying today's spring-like weather and finding every excuse possible to get outside and enjoy the mild temperatures!

There are four events going on this week that I want to bring to your attention:

The PTO will be holding a meeting **tomorrow, February 29th, at 7:00pm** in the Media Center. School Committee members Jon Wensky and Erin Canzano will join us and provide updates about the current school year as well as budget development updates for next year. Please plan to attend and bring along any questions you may have. We will also be introduced to our newly-elected PTO board for the 2016-2017 school year. Free child care will be available during this meeting.

This **Tuesday, March 1st**, will be an early release day for students, with dismissal starting at 12:15 and no lunches served. Please send a note in to your child's teacher if your child's dismissal routine will change due to the early release time. Classroom teachers from all across the district will spend

the afternoon engaged in learning about pedagogy to support students with thriving in a world that requires them to be problem-solvers, question-askers, and knowledge-creators. Educators are always learning and improving, too!

The new Point of Sales system of payment in the cafeteria begins this **Wednesday, March 2nd**. Starting this day, students will need to enter a 6-digit ID number onto a keypad when making their purchase. Staff will assist students with recalling their ID. Students can continue to pay with cash or lunch ticket; however, they can also add money to their account to avoid any exchange of cash or tickets. To add money to your child's account, simply send in a check with your child (which he/she will bring to the cashier during lunch) or mail a check to Food Service Department C/O High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 for the amount you want credited to your account. Make sure to specify your child's name whose account you want credited. Checks should be made out to the "Food Service Department". In the very near future, parents will be able to add money to their accounts through an online payment option. Stay tuned for details on that very convenient option.

On **Friday, March 4th**, Floral will be hosting guest readers from the local community at its annual Community Reading Day. We look forward to welcoming town and school officials, State Representative (and PTO president) Hannah Kane, guests from nearby businesses, retired Floral teachers, and family members of the Floral staff. We are excited to host these guests as they visit classrooms to promote the joy of reading to our students. We are grateful to the Floral staff that serve on the School Community Committee for organizing and leading this event.

Have a wonderful week!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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From the PTO - PTO Spring Yankee Candle Fundraising

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the Yankee Candle fundraiser! Your support in helping our school reach its goals is much appreciated! If you have not yet sent in the order forms to school, please do so **tomorrow, February 29th**.

The Yankee Candle Online store is still open. Click on the link below & order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home & our school receives 40% profit on each and every sale. Our Group number is 990000188.

This promotion is good through July 13, 2016.

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>

Film Screening – Most Likely to Succeed

Just before February vacation, Dr. Sawyer sent an invitation to our school community to attend a screening of the film, *Most Likely To Succeed*. This film is being shown at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 16 at Shrewsbury High School. You are encouraged to attend this screening and be part of an important discussion about what Shrewsbury might need to do differently to help our students adapt to what the world will demand of them in the future.

The film chronicles an alternative vision of American education implemented at High Tech High in San Diego. There, student work is largely project-based and collaborative, much like today's workplaces, with students focused on solving real life problems by experimenting, failing and trying again.

After the screening, there will be a discussion between the audience and a panel of experts representing business, higher education and our own school district. Please attend the screening and add your voice to the discussion. For more information about this event, please go to <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/future/index.cfm>. Please also refer to the flyer attached below.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

After School Activities Program (ASAP)- New Classes Starting on March 9th and 10th!

Don't forget to sign up your student for an afterschool program! See the attached flyer below to see what classes are being offered for the next round of ASAP starting on March 10th. Please click on the link included in the flyer to pre-register your child. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

***New dates added this week appear in bold print**

February 29	PTO General Meeting / 7:00pm at Floral Media Center
March 1	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
March 2	Meal Magic Point of Sales system begins in the Floral Cafeteria
March 4	FSS Community Reading Day
March 4	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
March 11	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
March 15	School Council Meeting
March 23	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Plourde & McGrail Classes
March 24	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Harrington & Frankian Classes
March 25	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Grossman Class
April 1	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
April 4	Trimester 2 report Cards Sent Home
April 5	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for


Staff in the PM


April 8	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
April 8	Third Grade Field Trip to Plimoth Plantation
April 8	Literacy Night at Floral Street School!
April 12	4th Grade Gymnastics Show for Parents / 1:30pm
April 18-22	April Vacation / No School
April 26-28	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 English Language Arts

PARCC Assessment Dates

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions)  Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions)  Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions)  Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions)  Grade 4 Math

Important Contact Information:

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Nurses, Phone	(508) 841-8729
Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

[MostLikelyto SucceedFilm.pdf](#)

[Floral ASAP reminder 2.pdf](#)